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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff at Headquarters

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: **Fireworks display on Wednesday, 4 July 2001**

1. The Macy's Independence Day fireworks will be displayed on 4 July 2001, from two locations in the East River: south of the Brooklyn Bridge, and at 34th Street. The display is scheduled to take place from 9.15 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. The FDR Drive, from 14th to 42nd Streets, will be closed at 7.15 p.m.

2. Members of delegations and staff wishing to view the display may do so from the garden promenade or from the Secretariat building. The only access to the grounds that evening will be through the visitors' entrance at First Avenue and 45th Street, which will be opened at 6 p.m. The entrance at 42nd Street and the Secretariat entrance will be closed.

3. Access to the complex will be restricted to holders of grounds passes and their **ticketed** guests. Each pass-holder will be permitted to bring a maximum of eight guests. Tickets of two different colours will be issued. A yellow ticket will provide access to the Secretariat building; a green ticket will provide access to the grounds only.

4. Tickets will be issued to staff members on a first-come, first-served basis from the Staff Committee Office, in room S-525, ext. 3-7075 or ext. 3-7076, beginning on Monday, 25 June 2001. For safety reasons, no more than 8,000 tickets granting access to the Secretariat building will be issued.

5. Tickets for members of delegations will be issued by the United Nations Pass and Identification Office, located in the UNITAR Building (First Avenue and 45th Street; 963-7533), which will be open from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and will close for lunch from 1 to 2 p.m. Tickets for delegations will be available on 20, 21, 22, 28 and 29 June 2001 and on 2 and 3 July 2001. Due to the special session of the General Assembly, the Office will not distribute tickets on 25, 26 or 27 June 2001.

6. No tickets will be issued on the evening of 4 July, and persons without grounds passes or tickets will be turned away. All dining facilities will be closed.

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7. Guests with yellow tickets must enter through the visitors' entrance of the General Assembly public lobby, where they will be required to proceed through the metal detectors. Staff members will be responsible for the conduct of their guests while at the United Nations. Guests must be escorted at all times within the complex.

8. Staff members will be permitted to park in the United Nations garage (northern entrance, at 48th Street and the FDR Drive), at the weekend rate, upon presentation of a valid grounds pass. Guests will not be admitted through the garage; they must be dropped-off at the visitors' entrance.

9. Staff members and their guests who wish to view the display from their own offices are reminded that windows in the Secretariat building may not be opened under any circumstances. This provision will be strictly enforced.

10. Staff members are reminded that they should lock and secure their offices when they depart on Tuesday, 3 July 2001.

11. Alcoholic beverages will not be permitted on United Nations grounds. The Security and Safety Service has the authority to inspect all packages and will enforce this regulation.

12. In the event of an emergency, the Security Control Centre should be contacted at extension 3-6666.